

Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board

Town Hall ~ 505 Silas Deane Highway ~ Wethersfield, CT 06109

Phone: 860-721-2977

Meeting held: January 8, 2009

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED ABSENCE
Steve Cook/ Jim Collin			X
Donna Forrest	X		
Holly Dyjak	X		
Matthew Forrest			
Olivia Fortunato	X		
Mary Ellen Gregorio			X
Debra Hammer	X		
Casey Lilley	X		
Meg O'Connor			X
Norberto Mendez	X		
Colleen Budaj/Cheri Moore	X		
Thomas Moore			X
Kathi St. Onge			X
Barbara J. Ruhe	X		
Nancy Stilwell	X		
Kathi St. Onge			X

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were not distributed; no action taken

SYS Update:

- ☞ Staff: Jane Johnson resigned from the Department. At this point, the position will remain vacant until the status of the budget for the coming year is known.
- ☞ Budget: Department heads have been instructed to prepare both a zero percent and a 10% decrease. It is likely that some decrease will be required.
- ☞ Advocacy: The State Dept of Education is probably going to cut all line items between 18% and 36%. This includes YSB funding which for Wethersfield is about \$21,000/yr. YAB members are asked to contact their legislators to try to maintain current funding given that the YSB line has not increased in many years. Sample letters and "talking points" were distributed to YAB members and will be e mailed as well to facilitate contacting legislators.

YAB Update:

Volunteer Recognition Night:

- ☞ Room is booked for April 23, 2009
- ☞ Specific tasks will be assigned at the next meeting, however, we need letters prepared for merchants to verify why we are requesting gift certificates (Nancy), refreshments (Donna), forms to schools, invitations, speaker, press releases, etc

Movie Night:

- ☞ Scheduled for February 6th and being planned with Park and Rec and Keane Foundation. Olivia looking into necessary permit to show movie. Plans for refreshments and fees for same to be worked out. Still will need publicity

One Book/One School

- ☞ One book-one school – Casey has continued to research this. Publishing companies seem to want business more than to assist with event. Casey is looking further into a Holocaust foundation that may be a possible sponsor and we may be able to get a speaker through them as well.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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